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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Licensed Ambulance Services, EMCAB Members and Regional EMS Councils

FROM: Louise Goyette

DATE: July 1, 2002

RE: Administrative Requirements (A/Rs) Regarding Temporary Waivers for Ambulance Services of EMT Certification Requirements

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In response to continued calls from all sectors of the ambulance provider community, citing a shortage of employable EMTs, the Department has today issued the attached A/Rs establishing a process for temporary waivers from EMT certification requirements for ambulance services. These A/Rs build on a long-standing existing A/R for temporary waivers at the Basic level (A/R 5-201, updated today) and add the option for an ambulance service to employ an out-of-state certified EMT at the level of his or her certification, for a temporary period of time (A/R 5-202). Under both A/Rs, the individual employed under the waiver must meet Massachusetts certification requirements within the temporary waiver period, and the temporary waiver cannot be renewed. In addition, the ambulance service that receives the waiver accepts full responsibility for orientation, oversight and evaluation of the individual during the term of the waiver.

Enclosed please find copies of the new A/R 5-202, and the updated A/R 5-201. If you have any questions, please call the Ambulance Regulation Program, at (617) 284-8300.